

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For : INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, INFORMATION RECORDING  
MEDIUM ACCESSING DEVICE AND AREA SETTING METHOD

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir :

Pursuant to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed June 14, 2010, prior to the payment of the Issue Fee, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment.

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